



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 6951-018]

Tallassee Shoals, LLC; Notice of Application Tendered for Filing With The Commission and Soliciting Additional Study Requests and Establishing Procedural Schedule for Relicensing and a Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New License
- b. Project No.: 6951-018
- c. Date filed: September 15, 2021
- d. Applicant: Tallassee Shoals, LLC
- e. Name of Project: Tallassee Shoals Hydroelectric Project (project)
- f. Location: On the Middle Oconee River, in Athens-Clarke and Jackson Counties, Georgia. The project does not occupy any federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 791(a) – 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Walter Puryear, Tallassee Shoals, LLC, 2399 Tallassee Road, Athens, Georgia 30607; Phone at (706) 540-7621, or email at wpuryear@bellsouth.net.
- i. FERC Contact: Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093, or michael.spencer@ferc.gov.
- j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item l below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. *See* 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
- k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. With this notice, we are designating Tallassee Shoals, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: November 14, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: **Tallassee Shoals Hydroelectric Project (P-6951-018)**.

n. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

o. Project Description: The existing Tallassee Shoals Project consists of: (1) a 365-foot-long, 25-foot-high concrete dam; (2) a 100-kilowatt fixed Kaplan unit within the dam; (3) a 1,400-foot-long headrace canal from the dam to the powerhouse; (4) an 80-foot-long, 11-foot-diameter penstock; (5) a powerhouse containing a single 2.2-megawatt (MW) adjustable Kaplan unit; (6) a 75-foot-long tailrace; and (7) a 100-foot-long, 42-kilovolt transmission line. The project creates a 2,100-foot-long bypassed reach of the Middle Oconee River. The project's total capacity is 2.3 MW and its average annual generation is approximately 6,100 megawatt-hours.

Tallassee Shoals, LLC does not propose any changes to the project's run-of-river operation and required 70 cubic-feet-per-second minimum flow.

p. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (*e.g.*, license application) via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-6951). At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

q. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	January 2022
Request Additional Information	January 2022
Issue Acceptance Letter	March 2022
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	April 2022
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	July 2022

r. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: September 21, 2021.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Deputy Secretary.

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